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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid and Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham today announced the filing of a one-count indictment¹ charging that Sorrell Groves, on June 10, 2008, was a convicted felon who possessed a firearm in Philadelphia after having been convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in prison.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Sorrell Groves	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	28

If convicted the defendant faces a statutory maximum sentence of ten years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, three years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives. This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction. This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorney William L. Inden.

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